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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Utility or Design Patent Application English Language Declaration

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Household Appliance, Network System, Household Appliance Control Method Using a Network, Computer Program Product Achieving the Control Method, and a Computer-Readable Data Storage Medium
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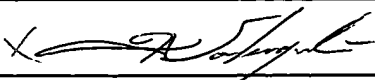
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